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ALLOCATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation for carrying out scientific research in the country has been increased during the recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith State-wise expenditure made under this head during 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04;

(c) the details of proposals submitted by the State Governments seeking financial assistance for various projects under the Science and Technology;

(d) the funds released for various projects of science and technology during 2003-04, State-wise; and

(e) the number of applications for patent received by the Government during the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The plan allocation for scientific departments has increased from Rs. 12022.17 crores in 9th plan to Rs. 25243.00 crores in 10th plan. Number of schemes is implemented by various Central Ministries/Departments by funding sponsored Research & Development projects to institutions and universities located in various states. According to available official statistics the number of R&D projects funded during the years 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 in various states is 1793, 2009 and 2304 with an approved cost of Rs. 424.92 crores, Rs. 286.71 crores and Rs. 444.96 crores respectively. A statement covering state-wise number of R&D projects and their approved cost for these years is annexed.

(e): The number of applications for patents received by the Government is 8503, 10592 and 11466 during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.